

Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The District Commander has received a permit application for work described below:

APPLICANT

B.E.S.T. Marina
c/o Glen Bunch
Post Office Box 185
Saluda, Virginia 23149

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: The project is located in the Rappahannock River a tributary to Chesapeake Bay, at a private shoreline property located off of V.S.H. 639, County of Middlesex, Virginia.

PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE: The applicant proposes to construct a main pier with (2) L-head piers attached. Each L-head pier will include finger piers and mooring piles to create 103 wet slips. Total encroachment of the pier is to be 427' channelward of the mean high water shoreline into the Rappahannock River where the width is approximately 2.5 miles. There will be a timber wave break constructed at the mid-tide level of the main pier. Four sections of floating, wave abatement, screens (120', 300', 120', & 120') are to be placed around the pier's perimeter at approximately 100' channelward of the proposed pier ranging from the northwest through to the northeast direction. Each section will be anchored on 15 foot centers into the substrate. There will be a 60' opening between sections for navigational ingress and egress. Also, the applicant proposes to construct a 75' section to the channelward end of an existing groin on the upstream side of the proposed pier to also act as a wave break. The purpose of the proposed construction is to create a commercial marina facility.

AUTHORITY: Permits are required pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

FEDERAL EVALUATION OF APPLICATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All of the proposal's relevant factors will be considered, including conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use classification, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Anyone may request a public hearing to consider this permit application by writing to the District Commander within 30 days of the date of this notice, stating specific reasons for holding the public hearing. The District Commander will then decide if a hearing should be held.

Preliminary review indicates that: (1) no environmental impact statement will be required; (2) no species of fish, wildlife, or plant (or their critical habitat) listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (PL 93-205) will be affected; and (3) no known properties eligible for inclusion or included in the National Register of Historic Places are in or near the permit area, or would likely be affected by the proposal. Additional information might change any of these findings. For compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the applicant must certify that federally licensed or permitted activities affecting Virginia's coastal zone (Tidewater) will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP). For more information or to obtain a list of the enforceable programs of the VCP, contact the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Impact Review at (804) 698-4330 or e-mail: elirons@deq.virginia.gov.

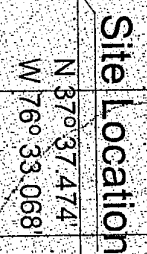
COMMENT PERIOD: Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers (ATTN: CENAO-TS-REG), 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096, and should be received by the close of business on July 3, 2006.

If you have any questions about this project or the permit process, please call:
Mr. Adrian R. Jennings at (804) 435-9362

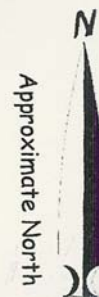
FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

Bruce F. Williams
Chief, Northern Virginia
Regulatory Section

Attachment: Drawings



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Figure 1 is a scale drawing of the site plan. It shows a rectangular site with a total width of 120.0 ft and a total length of 60.0 ft. A central road is 30.0 ft wide. The site is divided into several rectangular lots. A 'SCALE' bar is shown at the bottom.